Resolution No.: 16-737

Introduced:

October 7, 2008

Adopted:

October 14, 2008

## COUNTY COUNCIL FOR MONTGOMERY COUNTY, MARYLAND

By: County Council .

SUBJECT: Clean Energy Rewards Program

## Background

- 1. Section 18A—11(a) of the County Code requires the Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) to establish a program providing financial rewards to Montgomery County residents and businesses that choose electricity from renewable sources.
- 2. Section 18A—11(b) requires the Director of DEP to certify each eligible energy product supplier under the program.
- 3. Section I8A—11(c) requires the County Executive to adopt program regulations that:
  - A. identify the types of electricity that qualify for incentives under the program,
  - B. restrict payment of incentives of electricity that a customer or supplier is required to buy or produce to meet federal or state requirements,
  - C. specify the process to apply for, certify, and receive an award, and
  - D. include any additional program criteria, standards, arid procedures that are consistent with the County's energy and environmental policy.
- 4. Section 18A-11(d) requires that the County Council, by resolution, establish the maximum amount of any financial incentive offered under the program and the time period during which the incentive will be offered.
- 5. On July 11, 2006, the Council adopted Resolution No. 15-1530 which establishes the following rates and limits of the financial incentives payable under the clean energy rewards program.

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**Incentive Rates:** 

Residential: \$0.01/kWhNon-Residential: \$0.015/kWh

Annualized Incentive Caps per Participant (by fiscal year)

Residential Cap: 20,000 kWh
Non-Residential Cap: 100,000 kWh

6. This resolution amends and supersedes Resolution No. 15-1530.

## **Action**

The County Council approves the following rates for the clean energy financial incentives to be awarded under the rewards program established in accordance with Section 18A-11 of the County Code. These rates remain in effect throughout the duration of the program unless superseded by a later resolution.

## **Incentive Rates:**

Residential: \$0.005 / kWh
Non-Residential: \$0.005 / kWh

Annualized Incentive Caps Per Participant (by fiscal year)

Residential Cap: 20,000 kWh
Non-Residential Cap: 400,000 kWh

Minimum Clean Energy Purchase Requirement: 50%.

This is a correct copy of Council action.

Linda M. Lauer, Clerk of the Council